



PRESS RELEASE

AG Frosh: Prince George's County Woman Sentenced in Felony Theft Scheme

BALTIMORE, MD (September 15, 2016) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Karen Ann Walls, 38, of Capitol Heights, MD, was sentenced to 60 days in jail after pleading guilty to one count of felony theft scheme having a value of at least \$10,000 but less than \$100,000.

Walls submitted 12 fraudulent disability insurance claims where she forged doctors' signatures and alleged those doctors had placed her on disability from May 2010 until July 2011. Walls was actually working at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on many of the dates she claimed to be unable to work. Karen Ann Walls stole a total of \$25,305 from American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC).

Theft of at least \$10,000 but less than \$100,000 is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 15 years of incarceration and a \$15,000 fine.

The case was prosecuted by the Insurance Fraud Unit of the Maryland Attorney General's Office with assistance from the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland State Police.

"The Maryland Insurance Administration has no tolerance for insurance fraud. We devote a lot of resources to investigating fraud and are appreciative that the Attorney General's office and the Maryland State Police share our commitment, and are bringing criminals like this to justice," said Maryland Insurance Commissioner Al Redmer.